

entitled "Sequence Listing" and the computer-readable diskette were filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c) and (e), respectively.

The items that are mentioned in the first sentence of the preceding paragraph were filed with the USPTO in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g). In connection with the items that are mentioned in first sentence of the preceding paragraph, the undersigned hereby states that:

1. the items that are mentioned in the first sentence of the preceding paragraph (including the document entitled "Sequence Listing" and the computer-readable diskette) do not include new matter;
2. the contents of the document entitled "Sequence Listing" and the contents of the computer-readable diskette, which contains a computer-readable copy of the document entitled "Sequence Listing," are the same; and
3. all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false

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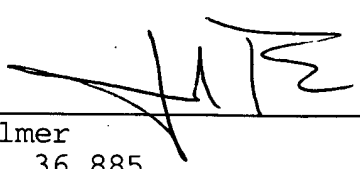
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